

## Minutes of COA Board Meeting – April 8, 2015

Board Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, V.V. Martin, Linda Moffitt, Alice Wadden, Burt Greenberg, Carol Airasian.

Members Excused Absence: Dorothy Jean Brown and Michael Donham.

Staff Members present: Caryl Fox and Debbie Dunn

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. The Board members read the minutes of the March meeting. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and Burt Greenberg seconded. Passed

2. Financial Statements:

The financial statements for March were reviewed by Board members. A question was raised about whether the current amount in electricity will be enough for the rest of the fiscal year because of the air conditioning will be on soon. Caryl said she expected the money would be adequate

3. Senior Center Yard Sale:

The Annual Yard Sale will be on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with set up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Board members are welcome to donate items, help with the yard sale and come to shop. This event raises money for the Senior Center Revolving Fund and also is an important social and community building program.

4. Proposed Trips for 2015:

Debbie reviewed the proposed trips for the year. She has proposed a variety of day excursions including a Maine boat cruise, the Scallop Festival on the Cape, a theatre show, shopping and good restaurants. The goal is to go places that appeal to different people and we try to keep the costs as low as we can.

5. Parking at the Senior Center:

The parking lot was very full during the winter months because of the ban on parking on the street and because of the snow piles in the lot that took up spaces. It was difficult for seniors to find a place to park at certain hours of the day. The problem is resolving as spring weather arrives.

6. Nursing Homes and Alternatives:

The Board discussed the problem of nursing home bed shortages in MA. Pat Gold said part of the difficulty may be low Medicare reimbursement rates. Members also talked about the growth of assisted living facilities and the lack of regulations for them.

7. Independent Transportation Network:

Mary Keenan asked if anyone knew someone who had used this service. Board and staff present didn't know of anyone.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox